

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) An instant lottery game system which includes:

a game play defining element;

a symbol display zone carried on the game play defining element, the symbol display zone containing a plurality of symbols representative of a spinning reel game outcome;

a masking medium covering the symbols of the symbol display zone and a symbol interpretation zone prior to use; and

wherein the symbol interpretation zone is carried on the game play defining element, the symbol interpretation zone carrying a plurality of indicia used in interpreting symbols revealed after removal of the masking medium to determine a prize outcome.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 in which a prize indicating zone is defined on the game play defining element.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2 in which the prize indicating zone is in the form of a payable and contains a range of prizes which a player can possibly win in playing a game carried by the game play defining element.

4. (Original) The system of claim 2 which is implemented as a scratch-type card.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4 in which the game play defining element is in the form of a carrier on which the symbol display zone, the symbol interpretation zone and the prize indicating zone are carried.

6. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein said system is implemented in an electronic format to be played on an electronic device.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6 in which the game play defining element is a representation

of a card displayed on a screen of the electronic device.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7 in which the masking medium is a virtual covering layer that is "removed" by a player operating predetermined controls of the electronic device.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1 in which recourse to the symbol interpretation zone is required to determine what prize, if any, has been won and revealing of the symbols on their own does not indicate to the player what prize, if any, has been won.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1 in which the symbol interpretation zone is also, initially, covered by a masking medium.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1 in which the symbols are representative of symbols of a spinning reel-type game, the symbols being carried on representations of reels defined in the symbol display zone.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11 in which the indicia of the symbol interpretation zone include operators related to spinning reel-type game operations.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12 in which the operators vary the prize or prizes awarded to a player so that, until the symbol interpretation zone has been referenced by the player, the player will not know what prize or prizes, if any, the player will receive.

14. (Original) The system of claim 1 in which the game play defining element includes a further, special feature zone related to a special feature, the special feature zone, initially, being covered by a masking medium.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14 in which the player obtains access to the special feature zone only if a "Special Feature" indicium is revealed in the symbol interpretation zone, the player removing the masking medium of the special feature zone to determine what special feature prize has been won.

16. (Original) The system of claim 12 in which, if the spinning reel-type game has fixed pay type operators, headings associated with those operators are not covered by the masking medium with only specific operators applicable to that specific game being covered by the masking medium.

17. (Original) The system of claim 12 in which the indicia of the symbol interpretation zone are directly related to the prizes awarded rather than the symbols of the symbol display zone.

18. (Original) An instant lottery game device which includes:

a game play defining element;

a symbol display zone carried on the game play defining element, the symbol display zone containing a plurality of symbols representative of a spinning reel game outcome;

a masking medium covering the symbols of the symbol display zone and a symbol interpretation zone prior to use; and

wherein the symbol interpretation zone is carried on the game play defining element, the symbol interpretation zone carrying a plurality of indicia used in interpreting symbols revealed after removal of the masking medium to determine a prize outcome.

19. (Original) The device of claim 18 in which a prize indicating zone is defined on the game play defining element.

20. (Original) The device of claim 19 in which the prize indicating zone is in the form of a payable and contains a range of prizes which a player can possibly win in playing a game carried by the game play defining element.

21. (Original) The device of claim 19 in which the game play defining element is in the form of a carrier on which the symbol display zone, the symbol interpretation zone and the prize indicating zone are carried.

22. (Original) The device of claim 18 in which recourse to the symbol interpretation zone is required to determine what prize, if any, has been won and revealing of the symbols on their own does not indicate to the player what prize, if any, has been won.

23. (Original) The device of claim 18 in which the symbol interpretation zone is also, initially, covered by a masking medium.

24. (Original) The device of claim 18 in which the symbols are representative of symbols of a spinning reel-type game, the symbols being carried on representations of reels defined in the symbol display zone.

25. (Original) The device of claim 24 in which the indicia of the symbol interpretation zone include operators related to spinning reel-type game operations.

26. (Original) The device of claim 25 in which the operators vary the prize or prizes awarded to a player so that, until the symbol interpretation zone has been referenced by the player, the player will not know what prize or prizes, if any, the player will receive.

27. (Original) The device of claim 18 in which the game play defining element includes a further, special feature zone related to a special feature, the special feature zone, initially, being covered by a masking medium.

28. (Original) The device of claim 27 in which the player obtains access to the special feature zone only if a "Special Feature" indicium is revealed in the symbol interpretation zone, the player removing the masking medium of the special feature zone to determine what special feature prize has been won.

29. (Original) The device of claim 25 in which, if the spinning reel-type game has fixed pay type operators, headings associated with those operators are not covered by the masking medium with only specific operators applicable to that specific game being covered by the masking medium.

30. (Original) The device of claim 25 in which the indicia of the symbol interpretation zone are directly related to the prizes awarded rather than the symbols of the symbol display zone.

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